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Appl. No.:	09/718,071)	Art Unit/T.C.:	1617
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

We, Jay C. Hsu, Ed Rosenthal, Richard L. Shick, and Audra S. Wright hereby declare as follows:

(A) This declaration is being made under 37 CFR 1.131
(B) The above-captioned application was filed by us on November 21, 2000.
We are the inventors of the invention claimed in the above-captioned application.

We understand that International Patent Publication No. WO 00/64408 entitled "Wet Wipes Having Skin Health Benefits" is currently being cited against the pending claims of the above-captioned application. We further understand that International Patent Publication No. WO 00/64408 was published on November 2, 2000.

The above-captioned application has a filing date of November 21, 2000. Thus, International Patent Publication No. WO 00/64408 qualifies on its face as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

We hereby declare, however, that we conceived the invention currently being claimed in the present application prior to November 2, 2000. Further, we were diligent from at least November 1, 2000 until the above-captioned application was filed on November 21, 2000.

For instance, attached as Appendix A to this Declaration is a letter dated October 4, 2000 from our Patent Attorney, Mr. Jason Johnston. As stated in the letter, an initial draft of our patent application was sent to us on October 4, 2000. On or around October 4, 2000 until November 21, 2000, we worked with our Patent Attorney in

reviewing the draft and in authorizing our attorney to file the application on November 21, 2000.

In view of the above, we respectfully request that International Patent Publication No. WO 00/64408 be withdrawn as prior art.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-captioned application or any patent issuing thereon.

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